

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Foam~~ A foam throttle for a tap for removing liquid from a container comprising:

~~a sleeve made of plastic, in which a piston is guided, and which has a passage opening for the liquid, which the piston seals off tightly in a locking position, in which it is moved in, and releases in a removing position, in which it is moved out, and a hood that can be set onto the sleeve in front of the passage opening, which covers the passage opening, which encloses a labyrinth channel, together with the sleeve, which channel is open at one end, towards the interior of the container, and ends in the passage opening at the other end~~ a sleeve made of plastic which has a passage opening for the liquid to be removed from the container;

a piston guided in said sleeve and which is movable between a locking position, in which it is moved in to tightly seal off said passage opening and a removing position in which it is moved out to permit release of the liquid; and

a hood disposed on said sleeve in front of said passage opening so that it covers said passage opening, wherein said hood together with said sleeve define and enclose a labyrinth channel having two ends, one of which is an open end which opens towards the interior of the container and other of which ends in said passage opening and wherein said hood is partially cylindrical and spans a circular arc of more than 180°.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Foam~~ The foam throttle according to claim 1, wherein:
[[the]] said labyrinth channel has a meander-shaped progression.
3. (Currently Amended) ~~Foam~~ The foam throttle according to claim 1, wherein:
said sleeve has an outer end and an inner end and [[the]] said open end of [[the]]
said labyrinth channel is located close to [[the]] said outer end of [[the]] said sleeve.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~Foam~~ The foam throttle according to claim 1, wherein:
said sleeve has an inner mantle and an outer mantle and [[the]] said labyrinth
channel is configured on [[the]] said outer mantle of [[the]] said sleeve.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~Foam~~ The foam throttle according to claim 1, wherein:
said hood has an inner mantle and an outer mantle and [[the]] said labyrinth
channel is configured on [[the]] said inner mantle of [[the]] said hood.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~Foam~~ The foam throttle according to claim 1, wherein:
said hood further comprises a tapping bore that passes through said hood and
wherein [[the]] said labyrinth channel ends in [[a]] said tapping bore ~~through the hood~~.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~Foam~~ The foam throttle according to claim 1, wherein:
[[the]] said hood has a face and said labyrinth channel runs out on [[a]] said face
of [[the]] said hood.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Foam~~ The foam throttle according to claim 1, wherein:
[[the]] said hood can be clipped onto [[the]] said sleeve.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Currently Amended) The foam ~~Foam~~ throttle according to claim 1, wherein:
[[the]] said sleeve is provided with ribs on its said outer mantle[[,,]] and ~~that the~~ said
hood has recesses that fit over [[the]] said ribs.
12. (New) A foam throttle for a tap for removing liquid from a container comprising:
a sleeve made of plastic which has a passage opening for the liquid to be removed
from the container and wherein said sleeve has an inner mantle and an outer mantle and
is provided with ribs on its said outer mantle;
a piston guided in said sleeve and which is movable between a locking position, in
which it is moved in to tightly seal off said passage opening and a removing position, in
which it is moved out to permit release of the liquid; and
a hood disposed on said sleeve in front of said passage opening so that it covers
said passage opening, wherein said hood together with said sleeve define and enclose a
labyrinth channel having two ends, one of which is an open end which opens towards the

interior of the container and other of which ends in said passage opening and wherein said hood has recesses that fit over said ribs.

13. (New) The foam throttle according to claim 12, wherein:

said labyrinth channel has a meander-shaped progression.

14. (New) The foam throttle according to claim 12, wherein:

said sleeve has an outer end and an inner end and said open end of said labyrinth channel is located close to said outer end of said sleeve.

15. (New) The foam throttle according to claim 12, wherein:

said labyrinth channel is configured on said outer mantle of said sleeve.

16. (New) The foam throttle according to claim 12, wherein:

said hood has an inner mantle and an outer mantle and said labyrinth channel is configured on said inner mantle of said hood.

17. (New) The foam throttle according to claim 12, wherein:

said hood further comprises a tapping bore that passes through said hood and wherein said labyrinth channel ends in said tapping bore.

18. (New) The foam throttle according to claim 12, wherein:

said hood has a face and said labyrinth channel runs out on said face of said hood.

19. (New) The foam throttle according to claim 12, wherein:
said hood can be clipped onto said sleeve.
20. (New) The foam throttle according to claim 12, wherein:
said hood is fully cylindrical.
21. (New) The foam throttle according to claim 12, wherein:
said hood is partially cylindrical and spans a circular arc of more than 180° .